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EL SALVADOR: LEGAL AID OFFICE REPORTS 198 MURDERED 22-28 AUG

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((TEXT)) SAN JOSE, 1 SEP (PL) -- THE LEGAL AID OFFICE OF THE SAN SALVADOR ARCHBISHOPRIC TODAY DENOUNCED THE MURDERS OF 198 PERSONS IN EL SALVADOR BETWEEN 22 AND 28 AUGUST BY THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE ARMY, SECURITY CORPS AND PARAMILITARY GROUPS.

THIS HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION REPORTED THAT ANA MARIA GOMEZ, A LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY BLOC WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE FMLN, WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD ON 27 AUGUST IN THE MIRAMONTES SUBURB OF THE SALVADORAN CAPITAL.

EARLIER, PROFESSOR ANA MARGARITA PENA MENDOZA WAS KIDNAPPED IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL, BY UNIFORMED SOLDIERS IN AN ARMY VEHICLE.

DOZENS OF SALVADORANS WERE ARRESTED DURING THE WEEK OF 22 TO 28 AUGUST AND THEIR FAMILIES, FEARING FOR THEIR LIVES AND WELL-BEING, HAVE DEMANDED THEIR RELEASE.
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